

RESOLUTIONS OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- I. In light of a recent decision by the Supreme Court of the State of Tennessee, it would appear that every Judge of a Court of Record must be a member of the Bar (Lawyer).

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Weakley County has special trial jurisdiction and, without doubt, would be considered a Court of record, and

WHEREAS, this Legislative Committee feels that the County Judge of Weakley County should not be required to be a lawyer, and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Weakley, at the present time is greatly overloaded with work and, in fact, either his administrative duties or his trial duties would keep him sufficiently busy.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that by Legislative Act the special or trial jurisdiction should be removed from the County Court of Weakley County, Tennessee, and placed elsewhere, probably in the Court of General Session of this County, and it further recommends that if this additional work is placed in the General Sessions Court, then the County should supplement the salary of the General Sessions Judge so that well qualified men will seek this office.

Motion was made by Esq. C. R. Castellaw that the court approve the foregoing, seconded by Esq. D. Z. Grooms, upon being put to a vote, carried by unanimous voice vote of the court.

Motion was then made by Esq. Vernon Dunn that the following words be struck out: "And it further recommends that if this additional work is placed in the General Sessions Court, then the County should supplement the salary of the General Sessions Judge so that well qualified men will seek this office". Esq. Robert Kennedy seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, same carried by unanimous voice vote of the court.

II. That the Chamber of Commerce go on record in favor of maintaining our County Health Department on the same level it has been maintained for the past few years and to specifically request the County Court to follow this suggestion, and further that the Chamber of Commerce request the State Department of Public Health to assign a Health Officer to our County Health Department, and further that we use all means available to us to see this Unit of County Government is maintained and indeed strengthened.

Motion was made by Esq. Robert Kennedy that the foregoing suggestion be approved by the Court, seconded by Esq. Dalton Glover. Upon being put to a vote, same carried by unanimous voice vote of the Court.

III. Be it resolved that a joint committee be formed by 3 members of the County Court, 3 from the Chamber of Commerce and 3 from in industries in Weakley County to study the personnel property tax on industry in Weakley County.

This committee will study and recommend to the January session of County Court, a method of taxation that will be fair to all.

County Judge Pentecost appointed the following committee from County Court:

1. Tom Farmer, III
2. Vernon Dunn
3. Thomas Radford

Esq. J. D. Taylor made a motion that the Court approve the foregoing, seconded by Esq. H. L. Jolley, carried by unanimous voice vote of the court.
